

Expenditures.

Chicago Mission, orders on Treas.,	35.85
“ “ amt. paid direct to J. D. McFaden,	138 50
Washington Mission, orders on Treas.,	35.89
Washington Mission, amt. paid direct to W. M. Lyon,	23.53
Dayton Mission,	10 85
Total Expenditures,	244.62
Balance in treasury, Oct. 1, \$83.68.	

WASHINGTON LETTER.

In my last report at Annual conference the names and amounts of those who contributed at the New Market, Va., convention, were not given. I feel that this should be done for the encouragement of the work, if for nothing else, "Honor to whom honor is due." But I am not sure that I shall be able to give an absolutely correct statement in full, from the fact that the list that was handed me at that time is not entirely correct, and some names not given in full, nor written very legibly.

The list is as follows: Dr. D. L. Shaver, \$5; S. P. Fogle, \$5; T. J. Fahrney, \$5; Samuel Wine, \$2.50; Harry Hann, \$2.50; P. W. Wisman, \$2.50; J. E. Copp, \$2.50; G. A. Copp, \$2.50; M. M. Funkhouser, \$1; P. H. Wisman, \$1; J. C. Cassel, \$1; Dr. Alice Good, \$1; Sister Barkdoll, \$1; Jacob Cachenam, \$1; — Fultz, \$1; Ed C. Bennett, 50c.; Mary Zircle, \$1.

On the same list I have pledges to the amount of about \$30. If these could be paid at an early date, it would be a great help to the mission. Two of those pledges have been redeemed already, viz.: Mrs. Dr. Shaver, \$1, and Anne Reichard \$2. May God's richest blessings rest upon all who have thus aided his work in the nation's capital.

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THE MARY BEACHY FUND FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN.

Mary Beachy was a sweet little girl of Carleton, Neb. When three years, three months, and two days old, she was suddenly taken ill. In a few hours, the change men call death, came, and the little body was taken over on the hillside. During life she had saved forty-six cents, and the money in a little purse was kept. I think the most of it was given her for singing, for she was a sweet little singer.

On a recent visit to Carleton, Brother and Sister Beachy turned the funds over to me. With tearful eye and trembling lips they said, it might lead to good for

some one. I took it, thought and prayed over it, and felt impressed to start "The Mary Beachy Fund for Destitute Children."

We meet so many innocent little ones, who suffer and need help, that a fund to draw from when needed would be more valuable than I can tell you, and to Mary's forty-six cents I have added the amount given me by the little son of Brother and Sister Berkeybile of Conemaugh, which he saved of his own accord and gave to Brother McFaden. Who else will add to it?

Just before leaving home we found a woman and baby in destitute circumstances. Both were crying, hunger the cause. The babe from the mother could get only blood. Oh you mothers, you appreciate the situation, and while you help the mothers, let the children help the children, and both will have a blessing.

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FOREIGN WORK.

J. C. CASSEL.

This is the first time in the history of the Brethren church that this subject has appeared on a National Conference program; just why it has not been regarded worthy of consideration heretofore, I cannot tell; perhaps the Lord's time had not come for us to consider it.

It is only a little more than a year ago that the first article on the evangelization of the world appeared in the EVANGELIST, and only a year ago that the question was discussed for the first time in any of our conferences; since then there has been a Missionary Reading Circle instituted which is doing good work; there have been numerous and lengthy articles published on the subject and latterly there has been a part of the EVANGELIST set apart especially for the propagation of missionary interest. Our district conferences have taken up the subject. I think the Indiana conference actually collected nearly a hundred dollars cash and the Virginia-Maryland conference pledged two hundred and twenty-five dollars to be paid as soon as the first missionary is ready to go to a foreign field. All these things bespeak commendable interest and show marked progress in the work during the first year of agitation. The time has come I believe that this conference should recognize the work that has thus far been done and assume control of its further development and direction.

There is much spiritual preparatory work to be done before we are qualified for actual service; there must be great self-surrender and self-sacrifice on the

part of those that volunteer to go into foreign fields, but as that feature was discussed at considerable length in our young people's convention I will not take it up again in this connection, suffice it for use to emphasize the fact that the dear Lord has commanded His followers to preach the gospel to all men, in all nations and as it has been preached over and over, and again and again in this country, and inasmuch as there are a thousand million of people now living, as precious in the sight of God as we are, that have never yet had an opportunity of hearing the glad tidings of peace and joy and hope, it is pre-eminently our duty to here and now organize a Foreign Mission Board, whose business it shall be to enlarge the interest in foreign work, to institute a well matured plan of receiving offerings, to examine all candidates for the field, to provide, if deemed necessary and wise for preliminary training in some missionary training school, to locate the fields of labor and look after the transportation, safety, and support of all our missionaries and to report the work in detail to our National Conferences.

I am aware that the idea of a separate Foreign Board has heretofore been antagonized, but I do not think that the question was duly considered; surely there is a ponderous work to be done in the preparation and development of the foreign cause, and workers at home, and in locating them in their respective foreign fields; quite as much as one set of men will want to do without pay.

The Board ought to be representative in its organization, say one member from each conference district, so there may be equal interest in the work everywhere without any east or west, north or south to it.

There ought to be distinct methods adopted for the support of both the Foreign and Home Boards so as to avoid unpleasant friction and unnecessary confusion between the two. Let the Home Board be supported by regular quarterly collections in all the churches, and the Foreign by a system of missionary boxes or barrels, or vice versa if deemed best, just so it is understood where the money is to be used, and so that contributors can have their choice as to where their money is to go.

As to what fields to go into I do not know that I have any suggestions to make. I think the Lord through His spirit will direct in that matter if we will let Him, in fact He ought to direct in all these affairs and He will if we will submit them to Him. I think, however, for denominational work it is well to go into new fields so as not to come into close contact with others and confuse the minds of those that we want to enlighten, by conflicting doctrines and tenets.